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**Ex Parte**

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> H Street, SW, Portals  
Washington, DC 20554

*Re:     Joint Application by Verizon for Authorization To Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services  
in States of Delaware and New Hampshire, Docket No. 02-157*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In response to a question from FCC staff, Verizon places the following definition, and relevant tariff pages, of NH Rate Groups A, B, C, D and E into the record of this proceeding, as found in NH PUC Tariff No. 83, Exchange and Network Services, Section 5 Exchange Service, 5.2 Application of Rates and Charges, 5.2.1A:

For the purpose of determining exchange service monthly rates, exchanges are classified in rate groups according to the total number of main telephone lines in a local service area. The local service area is the area within which customers make calls without the payment of toll charges and may include one or more exchanges.

Rate Group classifications and limits are as follows:

Rate Group A   0-5000 lines  
Rate Group B   5001-13,000 lines  
Rate Group C   13,001-31,000 lines  
Rate Group D   31,001-75,000 lines  
Rate Group E   75,001-185,000 lines

Rates for single party, unlimited residential and business service are as follows:

<u>Rate Group</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Business</u>
Rate Group A	\$11.15	\$27.74
Rate Group B	\$12.14	\$31.75
Rate Group C	\$13.29	\$35.93
Rate Group D	\$14.45	\$40.31
Rate Group E	\$15.73	\$44.67

Please let me know if you have any questions. The twenty-page limit does not apply as set forth in DA 02-1497.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Telli". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" and last name "Telli" clearly distinguishable.

Attachment

cc: H. Thaggert  
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## 5. Exchange Service

### 5.2 Application of Rates and Charges

5.2.1	Systematic Reclassification
<b>A.</b>	For the purpose of determining exchange service monthly rates, exchanges are classified in rate groups according to the total number of main telephone exchange lines in a local service area. The local service area is the area within which customers make calls without the payment of toll charges and may include one or more exchanges.
<b>1.</b>	Where the local service area of the exchange includes other exchanges, the rate group classification of the principal exchange is based upon the number of main telephone exchange lines in the principal exchange, to which is added the number of main telephone exchange lines in each of the other exchanges.
<b>B.</b>	Rate group classification and limits are contained in Exhibit 5.2.1-1. Exchanges and localities and their associated rate groups are contained in Exhibit 5.2.1-2. Portions of an exchange or locality may be placed in a rate group different from the remainder of its exchange or locality due to the availability of Municipal Calling. An exchange is reclassified to the applicable higher rate group and takes the rates and services of that rate group under the following circumstances.
<b>1.</b>	When the total main telephone exchange lines in the local service area exceed the upper limits of the rate group for two consecutive annual study periods.
<b>2.</b>	Coincident with the introduction of extended local service if, based upon the most recent annual study period at the time of the customer poll, the total main telephone exchange lines in the new local service area exceed the upper limit of the rate group. In instances when no customer poll is required since the total main telephone exchange lines in the new local service area do not exceed the upper limit of the rate group, based upon the most recent annual study period at the time of the Telephone Company decision to provide extended local service, the exchange will be reclassified in accordance with Section 5.2.1B1. The local service area of an exchange may be enlarged by combining it with one or more additional contiguous or noncontiguous exchanges.
<b>3.</b>	Where Municipal Calling is provided, reclassification is in accordance with Section 5.2.1B1. Commencing with the June 1980 study, main telephone exchange lines included in the local service area of a customer as a result of Municipal Calling, are also included in the annual exchange classification study. If Municipal Calling extends the local service area of only a portion of the exchange or locality, it is possible that that portion of the exchange or locality will be reclassified to a rate group which differs from the rate group for the remainder of the exchange or locality.
<b>C.</b>	An exchange is reclassified to the applicable lower rate group and takes the rates and services of that rate group when the total main telephone exchange lines in the local service area is less than the lower limit of the rate group for two consecutive annual study periods.
<b>D.</b>	When an exchange meets the conditions set forth in Section 5.2.1B or Section 5.2.1C, the Telephone Company arranges for its reclassification by filing revised tariff pages with the PUC.

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<b>5.2.1 Systematic Reclassification</b>	
<b>E.</b>	Exchanges reclassified in accordance with Section 5.2.1B1 and Section 5.2.1C have the rates and services of the applicable rate group applied to the first full billing period subsequent to the effective date of the change in rate group.
<b>F.</b>	Total main telephone exchange lines in the local service area of each exchange shall be verified annually using the Telephone Company's official report of main exchange lines in service on June 30 of each year. This date is considered the annual study period.
<b>G.</b>	Exchange classifications and rates in effect June 29, 1963, remain in effect until reclassified in accordance with the regulations contained herein, the first study period for purpose of these regulations was June 30, 1963.

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**5.2.1 Systematic Reclassification****Exhibit 5.2.1-1**  
**Rate Group Classifications and Limits**

<b>Exchange Rate Group</b>	<b>Total Main Telephone Exchange Lines In Local Service Area</b>
Group A	0 – 5,000
Group B	5,001 – 13,000
Group C	13,001 – 31,000
Group D	31,001 – 75,000
Group E	75,001 – 185,000

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# 1. Exchange and Network Services

## 1.5 Exchange Service

1.5.1 Basic Exchange Services—Composite Statewide Monthly Rates				
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Residence – Unlimited 1 party	Rate Group A	11.15	
		Rate Group B	12.14	
		Rate Group C	13.29	
		Rate Group D	14.45	
		Rate Group E	15.73	
	Residence – Unlimited 2 party	Rate Group A	8.84	
		Rate Group B	9.53	
		Rate Group C	10.26	
		Rate Group D	11.21	
		Rate Group E	12.26	
	Business – Unlimited 1 party	Rate Group A	27.74	
		Rate Group B	31.75	
		Rate Group C	35.93	
		Rate Group D	40.31	
		Rate Group E	44.67	
	Business – Measured Service-4E	Rate Groups A thru E	20.90	

1.5.2 Basic Exchange Services—Other				
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Trunk Lines - Residence	Unlimited – Note: Refer to the 1 party Unlimited service monthly exchange for for the specific exchange	See Note	
		Measured – Note: Refer to the 1 party Measured service monthly exchange rate	See Note	
		Measured Service-4E – Note: Refer to the 1 party Measured Service-4E monthly exchange rate	See Note	

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J. Michael Hickey  
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